

# Unity Work

Week of May 1, 2016

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- Those in Christ have been brought **near to God**, even into his **family**.
- If you have put your **faith** in Jesus, **you are included in Christ**.

### Unity Work – Ephesians 4:1-16 (p. 815)

What does it meant to live a life worthy of our calling?

Verses 2-6 describe the two foundations of Christian unity. The first foundation is the solidarity of our doctrine (one Lord, one faith, one baptism, etc.). If there is only one true faith, why are there so many different churches?

What did you think of the description that was given on Sunday for the many flavors of church? Where should we draw the boundary lines of Christian unity today?

Paul tells his audience to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit. As a group, try to identify the limits of “every effort.” When should a Christian say, “enough is enough” in attempting to maintain unity?

In verses 7-16, we get a picture of how Christ wants unity in the church to function. Simply put, it goes like this: Jesus gives the gift of leaders to his church to help people know the truth and play their part. On Sunday, I tried to describe the different words for leadership here. What did you learn from that?

How does good leadership build unity?

How does unity build maturity?

### Take it Home

When you think of Christian unity and the teaching in this passage on it, how well are we doing?

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